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Sir:

I hereby declare that I am the inventor SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR WEB-BASED JOB ACCOUNTING disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an invention disclosure, which shows that the invention was conceived by me before June 19, 2001. I continued to work diligently on the invention as evidenced by my filing of a Patent Application on February 13, 2002.

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Description of Invention: Please preserve all records of the invention and attach additional pages for the following. Each additional page should be signed and dated by the inventor(s) and witness(es).

A. Description of the construction and operation of the invention (include appropriate schematic, block, & timing diagrams; drawings; samples; graphs; flowcharts; computer listings; test results; etc.)

Provide a web based job accounting solution through the use of the JVM. A user enters in a user ID and password as prompted by the control panel of the printer. The printer verifies this information by "posting" the request to the internet-based database. This database could be located within a company's firewall, or without by a 3rd party solution provider. The information is verified and a response is sent to the printer from the database. The user is now allowed to make copies, etc. As each copy is completed, a "post" command is sent by the printer, through the JVM, to the internet database where it is collected and the appropriate account is charged.

For printing, the same model is used as above, but the driver intercepts the print job and requests the user ID and password. It then verifies it in the same manner as above and allows the job to proceed.

B. Advantages of the invention over what has been done before.

This allows job accounting to be managed and directed through the internet. We can now replace the expensive 3rd party job accounting devices with a clean solution provided by HP. This will also allow us to set up new service contracts based on the number of copies, prints, etc. performed by a customer.

C. Problems solved by the invention.

Replaces expensive 3rd party job accounting devices with an integrated solution.

D. Prior solutions and their disadvantages(if available, attach copies of product literature, technical articles, patents, etc.).

A user must connect a 3rd party job accounting device such as an Equitrac or Copitrac device. These devices can cost anywhere from \$2000-\$5000. If printing is to be tracked, the user must also install network software from these vendors adding even more cost. These systems are very proprietary and incompatible with other vendors.

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